

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1                   1.       A hand-held power tool, comprising:  
2                   a housing including a drive mechanism and motor provided with a  
3 rotary output shaft aligned along a tool axis and a handle portion aligned along a  
4 handle axis, the handle portion having a motor activator switch mounted thereon; and  
5                   an open top tray oriented generally perpendicular to the handle axis for  
6 carrying small magnetic objects therein, wherein the tray is provided with a magnetic  
7 portion for retaining the small magnetic objects placed within the tray when the handle  
8 is inclined from a vertical position.

1                   2.       The hand-held power tool of claim 1, wherein the open top tray  
2 has at least one exterior side wall having at least one recess, the at least one recess  
3 including a detent for releasibly retaining a bit therein.

1                   3.       The hand-held power tool of claim 1, wherein the open top tray  
2 is defined by a surrounding sidewall and a tray bottom which are integrally molded  
3 with the housing.

1                   4.       The hand-held power tool of claim 1, wherein the open top tray  
2 is configured to be removable from the housing by providing a housing with at least  
3 one slot formed therein for releasibly affixing the tray to the housing.

1                   5.       The hand-held power tool of claim 4, wherein the at least one  
2 slot is configured to releasibly engage a tool or drill bit when the tray is not received  
3 in the slot .

1                   6.       The hand-held power tool of claim 1, further comprising a light  
2 attached to the tray for illuminating an area forward of the power tool.

1                   7.       The hand-held power tool of claim 6, wherein the housing  
2 further comprises a housing electrical contact for communicating electrical energy  
3 from a power source to the light.

1                   8.     The hand-held power tool of claim 6, wherein the light is  
2 pivotally mounted to the tray for directing illumination forward of the power tool.

1                   9.     The hand-held power tool of claim 8, wherein electrical energy  
2 for energizing the light is interrupted when the light is pivoted between an active open  
3 position and an inactive closed position.

1                   10.    The hand-held power tool of claim 9, wherein the tray further  
2 comprises a tray electrical contact configured to mate with the housing electrical  
3 contact for communicating electrical energy from a power source to the light.

1                   11.    The hand-held power tool of claim 1, wherein the hand-held  
2 power tool is a portable electric power drill, having a chuck coupled to the rotary  
3 output shaft for releasibly fixing a bit thereto, whereby the bit is used to operate on a  
4 workpiece, and a battery attached to the housing and in electrical communication with  
5 the motor for providing electrical power to drive the motor.

1                   12.    The hand-held power tool of claim 1, further comprising a  
2 level attached to the tray for aiding in orienting the hand-held power tool with respect  
3 to a ground surface.

1                   13.    The hand-held power tool of claim 1, further comprising a  
2 detachable level removably fixed to the housing for determining a relative orientation  
3 of the hand-held power tool with respect to a ground surface.

1                   14.    A portable electric power drill, comprising:  
2                   a housing including a drive mechanism and motor provided with a  
3 rotary output shaft aligned along a tool axis and a handle portion aligned along a  
4 handle axis, the handle portion having a motor activator switch mounted thereon;  
5                   a chuck coupled to the rotary output shaft for releasibly fixing a bit  
6 thereto, wherein the bit is used to operate on a workpiece;

7 a battery attached to the housing and in electrical communication with  
8 the motor for providing electrical power to drive the motor; and  
9 an open top tray oriented generally perpendicular to the handle axis for  
10 carrying small magnetic objects therein, wherein the tray is provided with a magnetic  
11 portion for retaining the small magnetic objects placed within the tray when the handle  
12 is inclined from a vertical position.

1 15. The portable electric power drill of claim 14, wherein the open  
2 top tray is defined by a surrounding sidewall and a tray bottom which are integrally  
3 molded with the housing.

1 16. The portable electric power drill of claim 14, wherein the open  
2 top tray is configured to be removable from the housing by providing a housing with  
3 at least one slot formed therein for releasibly affixing the tray to the housing.

1 17. The portable electric power drill of claim 14, wherein the open  
2 top tray has at least one exterior side wall having at least one recess, the at least one  
3 recess including a detent for releasibly retaining a bit therein.

1 18. The portable electric power drill of claim 14, wherein the  
2 housing is provided with at least one slot formed therein for removably receiving and  
3 affixing the tray to the housing.

1 19. The portable electric power drill of claim 18, wherein the at least  
2 one slot is configured to releasibly engage a bit when the tray is not received in the slot.

1 20. The portable electric power drill of claim 14, further comprising  
2 a light attached to the tray for illuminating an area forward of the power tool.

1 21. The portable electric power drill of claim 20, wherein the  
2 housing further comprises a housing electrical contact for communicating electrical  
3 energy from a power source to the light.

1                   22.     The portable electric power drill of claim 21, wherein the tray  
2 further comprises a tray electrical contact configured to mate with the housing  
3 electrical contact for communicating electrical energy from a power source to the light.

1                   23.     The portable electric power drill of claim 21, wherein the light  
2 is pivotally mounted to the tray for directing illumination forward of the power tool.

1                   24.     The portable electric power drill of claim 23, wherein electrical  
2 energy for energizing the light is interrupted when the light is pivoted between an  
3 active open position and an inactive closed position.

1                   25.     The portable electrical power drill of claim 14, further  
2 comprising a level attached to the tray for aiding in orienting the drill with respect  
3 to a ground surface.

1                   26.     The portable electric power drill of claim 14, further comprising  
2 a detachable level removably fixed to the housing for determining a relative  
3 orientation of the drill with respect to a ground surface.